

# memorandum

DATE: August 2, 1991

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: EH-41

SUBJECT: Request for Department of Energy (DOE) General Counsel Indemnification  
Statement Regarding the National Academy of Sciences' (NAS) Marshall Islands  
Oversight Committee Role

TO: Susan Kuznick, GC-31

The attached letter of July 25, 1991, from the NAS Executive Committee of the Governing Board of the National Research Council requests DOE assistance to resolve a concern that has arisen during consideration of DOE's request for a proposal. In April of this year, I requested NAS to prepare a proposal to review the Department's sampling methods, analytical techniques, models, and procedures in support of our Marshall Islands Program. In order to proceed on my request for a proposal, the Board requests a DOE General Counsel statement of assurance that any liabilities resulting from providing the requested assistance would be covered by the indemnification provisions of the Price Anderson Act or other laws.

It is requested that your office provide NAS a statement of assurance to permit NAS to assist DOE in this important review effort. As Congress is monitoring our efforts to establish NAS review capability, it is important to provide a response to NAS as quickly as possible.

We appreciate your assistance in providing the needed statement of assurance to NAS. Please contact Mr. Rick Jones, Director of the Office of Health Physics and Industrial Hygiene (EH-41), at 353-6061 for any additional information you may need.



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Attachment